# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANAGA REJUVENATION
# LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4677
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India Water Week
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**Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANAGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:**

(a) whether India Water Week was organised in New Delhi in the month of April, 2016;
(b) if so, the details of countries which participated in the event and shared their views on better water management in the country;
(c) whether Israeli delegation of experts on water also participated in the meet, if so, the ways suggested including new technology for conservation and better management of water usage in the country; and
(d) the steps taken or being taken by the Government after deliberation for better use of water in the country?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION
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(a) & (b) Yes, Madam. International Delegates from Israel, Hungary, Burundi, Bhutan, Zimbabwe, Nepal, Democratic Republic of Congo, Philippines, Niger, Sierra Leone, Kingdom of Cambodia, Bangladesh, Australia, Netherlands and Singapore participated in the event. The papers presented by the delegates are at Annexure.
(c) Delegates from Israel shared their experience on, inter-alia, drip irrigation, precise irrigation, and flood/sprinkler/rain port-overhead micro irrigation system / water use efficiency in surface irrigation ensuring judicious use of water.
(d) Under the Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana, launched in 2015, the Government of India, promotes the vision of extending the coverage of irrigation 'Har Khet Ko Pani' and improving water use efficiency 'More Crop Per Drop' in a focused manner with end to end solutions on source creation, distribution, management, field applications and extension activities.
National Water Mission (NWM) has also initiated preparation of 21 base line studies to evaluate water use efficiency of completed Medium/ Major Irrigation projects to find out existing level of performance/leakage in the irrigation projects through various Water and Land Management Institutes at Tezpur, Hyderabad and Aurangabad. NWM has initiated preparation of State Specific Action Plans (SSAP) for water resources covering irrigation, agriculture, domestic water supply, industrial water supply and waste water utilization in respect of all the States/ UTs.
The National Water Policy (2012) formulated by this Ministry, inter-alia, advocates water saving in irrigation by aligning cropping pattern with natural resource endowments, micro irrigation (drip, sprinkler etc.), automated irrigation operation, evaporation-transpiration reduction etc.
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Annexure referred to in reply to parts (a) & (b) of unstarred question No. 4677 due for answer in LokSabha on 15.12.1016 regarding India Water Week
Annexure
Various papers presented by the various Countries
Sl. No.
Name of Country participated
Name of Paper/Session
1.
Kingdom of Cambodia
Basin Level Management Initiatives
2.
Nepal & Burundi
Institutionalising People's Participation in Water Planning and Management
3.
Bhutan
Water and Power
4.
Burundi and Niger
Knowledge Transfer and Capacity Building of Water Resources Professionals
5.
Zimbabwe
Water Management-Learning from Ancient Wisdom and Traditional Practices
6.
Bhutan
Challenges of Water Supply and Sanitation for Urban and Rural areas
7.
Burundi
Rainwater Harvesting and Water Conservation at Local Level
8.
Sierra Leone

Water and health - Management Water Quality
9.
Israel
a) Israel Makes in India- Success Stories,
b) Adding precision to precision irrigation
c) Efficient water in agriculture, flood/sprinkler/drip, Rain port-overhead micro irrigation system
d) Improving water use efficiency in surface water irrigation
e) The Indo-Israel project − A Government to Government partnership